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Filed: November 21, 2001 Conf.: 1335  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RUBBER EXTRUDING

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for foreign priority that was filed on February 27, 2004 together with the certified copy of the priority document. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the claim for foreign priority and the certified priority document.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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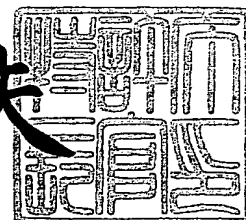
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